In re application of

Taizo AKIMOTO

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ORGANISM-ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001. The Examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response December 20, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

(Twice amended) An apparatus for measuring a value detected from a second label corrected for a value detected from a first label comprising: